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Public Records Division

Rebecca S. Murray
Supervisor of Records

December 18, 2018
SPR18/2060

Lucas S. Larson
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Dear Lucas S. Larson:

I have received your letter appealing the response of the Massachusetts Port Authority to your request for records.

I have directed a member of my staff, Attorney Stephen Shorey, to review this matter. Upon completion of the review, I will advise you in writing of the disposition of this case. If in the interim you receive a satisfactory response to your request, please notify this office immediately.

Any further correspondence concerning this specific appeal should refer to the SPR case number listed under the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Murray".

Rebecca S. Murray
Supervisor of Records

cc: Ashley K. Carvalho, Esq.

Rastellini, Patricia (SEC)

From: Rastellini, Patricia (SEC)
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2018 2:06 PM
To: '61821-25203887@requests.muckrock.com'
Cc: pre@sec.state.ma.us
Subject: RE: Massachusetts Public Records Law Request #SPR18/1644

Good afternoon,

When your December 10, 2018 email was received it was initially viewed as being sent to MassPort as opposed to this office. Your email of December 18, 2018 demonstrates you are requesting an appeal.

My apologies for the confusion!

Regards,

Patricia Rastellini, Office Manager

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The Authority responded on October 12, 2018 denying your request for a copy of the DRIP pursuant to M.G.L. c. 4 §7(26)(a) and (n) as the report is a threat and vulnerability assessment evaluating structural elements, security measures, and emergency preparedness directly related to the safety or security of persons, buildings, structures, facilities and aviation transportation. You appealed the Authority’s decision and the Supervisor of Records (“Supervisor”) responded on November 21, 2018. In its letter, the Supervisor wrote that it was “unclear how the Authority may utilize 49 C.F.R. 1520...[and] which sections of the cited regulations th Authority is claiming permit withholding the requested record in its entirety.” Additionally, the Supervisor wrote that “it is unclear how the entirety of the report reflects policies and procedures” and that “the Authority’s response does not explain how the report would be ‘useful [to terrorist] to maximize damage’.

Sensitive Security Information (“SSI”) is “information obtained or developed in the conduct of security activities....the disclosure of which TSA has determined would be detrimental to the security of transportation.” 49 CFR §1520.5(a). Federal law prohibits the Authority from disclosing this information.

The DRIP is an analysis of Authority-owned transportation critical infrastructures that are necessary to safely and securely manage and operate the Airport. The DRIP lists and assesses the actual, potential or threatened vulnerabilities to these critical infrastructures. Pursuant to 49 CFR §§ 1520.5(a)(1), 1520.5(5), and 1520.5(12)(ii) the DRIP, if released would: (1) be detrimental to the security of aviation transportation; (2) is a vulnerability assessment of vital infrastructures of aviation transportation; and (3) identifies systems and assets vital to aviation transportation that the incapacity or

destruction would have a debilitating impact on transportation security. Therefore, the DRIP is considered Sensitive Security Information it is entirely and its disclosure would create a threat to public health and safety. Furthermore, the release of the vulnerability assessment could be used by terrorists to maximize damage by targeting the specific aviation critical infrastructures in a manner consistent with the vulnerabilities reported. A terrorist could also use the information in the DRIP following a catastrophe and/or national disaster to attack the identified infrastructures and incapacitate aviation transportation.

Consistent with the Authority's previous response to your request, it is denying your request for a copy of the DRIP pursuant to M.G.L. c. 4 §§7(26)(a) and (n).

Sincerely,



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Supervisor of Records
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

This letter details my reason for appealing the Massachusetts Port Authority's denial of access to public records, provided to me in a letter sent on October 12, 2018 (attached). The letter was in response to a Massachusetts Public Records Law request I submitted on September 28, 2018 (also attached).

In denying my request for a copy of the Disaster and Infrastructure Resiliency Plan (henceforth 'DRIP') for Boston Logan Airport, the Mass. Port Authority cited two exemptions to the disclosure of documents under the Massachusetts Public Records Law. The first, pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 4§7(26)(a) states that records that are "specifically or by necessary implication" exempt "from disclosure by statute" may be withheld. The Authority then cited 49 CFR §§ 15 and 1520 (Protection of Sensitive Security Information (SSI) and SSI disclosed by the TSA or the Coast Guard), claiming that these statutes state that "no part of a record containing SSI may be disclosed to a person without an operational 'need to know.'" However, 49 CFR §§ 1520.15(b) and 49 CFR §§ 15.15(b) state that documents containing SSI and non-SSI may be released with the SSI redacted. On these grounds, I want to appeal the Mass. Port Authority's decision to deny release of the entire record in question when it could be released with SSI redacted.

The Port Authority also cited Mass. Gen. Laws Ch 4§7(26)(n), which exempts records relating to the structural elements, security measures, emergency preparedness, threat or vulnerability assessments, or other records relating to the security or safety of transportation infrastructure. I contend that the record in question, the DRIP prepared by the consultant group Kleinfelder, contains sections that do not address these topics and, therefore, should be released subject to redaction under exemption (n). For example, Kleinfelder's own promotional materials around the report reference the information in the document includes "the latest in climate change research" (<https://www.kleinfelder.com/index.cfm/resource-library/project-briefs/massport-disaster-and-infrastructure-resiliency-plan-pdf/>). The application of exemption (n) is subject to review by the Supervisor of Records, and I urge a reversal of the Port Authority's decision to withhold the entire document in question.

Sincerely,

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